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Western District of Washington

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WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
DEPUTY
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In the Matter of the Search of

*(Briefly describe the property to be searched
or identify the person by name and address)*Three residences, as further described
in Attachment A

Case No.

MJ19-101**APPLICATION FOR A SEARCH WARRANT**

I, a federal law enforcement officer or an attorney for the government, request a search warrant and state under penalty of perjury that I have reason to believe that on the following person or property *(identify the person or describe the property to be searched and give its location)*:

Three residences, as further described in Attachment A.

located in the Western District of Washington, there is now concealed *(identify the person or describe the property to be seized)*:

See Attachment B for List of items to be Seized.

The basis for the search under Fed. R. Crim. P. 41(c) is *(check one or more)*:

- ☒ evidence of a crime;
- ☒ contraband, fruits of crime, or other items illegally possessed;
- ☒ property designed for use, intended for use, or used in committing a crime;
- ☒ a person to be arrested or a person who is unlawfully restrained.

The search is related to a violation of:

*Code Section**Offense Description*21 U.S.C. §§ 841 and 846
18 U.S.C. §§ 1956 and 1957Manufacturing, distribution and possession with intent to distribute marijuana,
money laundering, and conspiracy to commit these offenses.

The application is based on these facts:

- ☒ See Affidavit do Sean Gotcher, DEA Task Force Officer.

☐ Delayed notice of _____ days (give exact ending date if more than 30 days: _____) is requested under 18 U.S.C. § 3103a, the basis of which is set forth on the attached sheet.

Pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 4.1, this warrant is presented: ☐ by reliable electronic means; or: ☐ telephonically recorded.*Applicant's signature*

Sean Gotcher, DEA Task Force Officer

Printed name and title

- ☒ The foregoing affidavit was sworn to before me and signed in my presence, or
- ☐ The above-named agent provided a sworn statement attesting to the truth of the foregoing affidavit by telephone.

Date: 03/14/2019*Judge's signature*City and state: Seattle, Washington

U.S. Magistrate Judge Mary Alice Theiler

Printed name and title

STATE OF WASHINGTON)
)
COUNTY OF KING) SS

AFFILIANT BACKGROUND

2. I have received narcotics enforcement training from the Washington State Criminal Justice training center and from DEA. Throughout my career, I have assisted in the service of hundreds of search warrants, and have acted as the case agent or co-case agent in federal narcotics investigations which have led to federal prosecutions. Based on my training and experience, I am familiar with the means and methods used by drug traffickers to manufacture, store, transport, and distribute controlled substances, to include marijuana. I am also familiar with the tactics used by drug traffickers to avoid detection by law enforcement to include the use of code words, slang, stash houses, hidden compartments, using multiple cellular telephones, and using cash to finance their activity as it is more difficult for law enforcement to trace. Based on my training and experience, I am aware of

1 the common ways drug traffickers attempt to profit from their illegal activities by hiding
 2 drug proceeds in various places in order to conceal the illegal source or their ownership,
 3 including hiding and transporting bulk cash, sending funds through wire transfers or bank
 4 accounts in other persons' names, or investing in assets placed in other persons' names.

5 3. The facts in this affidavit are based on my personal observations, my training
 6 and experience, and information obtained from other officers and investigators. I have not
 7 included every fact concerning this investigation, rather, I have set forth the facts that I
 8 believe are necessary for a fair determination of probable cause.

9 PURPOSE OF THIS AFFIDAVIT

10 4. This affidavit is submitted in support of an application to search the following
 11 three residences, as further described in Attachment A, for evidence, fruits and
 12 instrumentalities, as further described in Attachment B, of crimes committed by Guoyuan
 13 YU and others to include marijuana manufacturing, distribution and possession with intent to
 14 distribute marijuana, money laundering crimes, and conspiracy to commit these offenses in
 15 violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1), 843(b) and 846; and Title 18,
 16 United States Code, Sections 1956 and 1957:

- 17 1. **3835 S. 316th St. Auburn, Washington¹**
- 18 2. **11224 SE 284th St. Auburn, Washington**
- 19 3. **3829 90th Ave. E Edgewood, Washington**

20 PROBABLE CAUSE

21 Residence #1

22 **3835 S 316th St. Auburn, Washington**

23 5. On January 2, 2019 a concerned citizen (CS) residing on S. 316th St. in
 24 Auburn, Washington called the DEA tip line concerning a house he believed to be growing
 25 marijuana at the address of **3835 S. 316th Auburn, Washington**. I used King County parcel
 26 viewer and other online open real estate sources and learned that Guoyan YU purchased the
 27 _____

28 ¹ The residences requested to be searched are highlighted in **bold** font throughout this affidavit.

1 residence at **3835 S. 316th Auburn, Washington** through AgencyOne Real Estate on
2 approximately April 21, 2017 for the purchase price of \$515,000.

3 6. I contacted the CS, and he explained that soon after the home was sold to the
4 new owners, a Chinese family moved in, and everything appeared normal. The CS said an
5 older Chinese female would walk the road in the neighborhood daily. After a period of time,
6 however, he noticed activity changed at the home. The CS observed the female no longer
7 walked through the neighborhood, one van was always left at the home, and Chinese males
8 would come infrequently to the house to stay for a few hours then leave. The CS thought
9 perhaps the visitors were there to take care of an elderly parent.

10 7. In approximately December 2018, the CS's dog escaped from his fenced
11 property and ran to the rear yard of the neighbor's house at **3835 S. 316th St.** The CS
12 reported this was not unusual as he was friends with the prior owner of the home, and his
13 dog visited there frequently. While attempting to retrieve his dog, the CS stated he saw a
14 bright white light from a window and when he walked past the window, he observed a small
15 marijuana plant, approximately four inches in height. Based on my training and experience,
16 and participating in the execution of more than 100 search warrants at residences where
17 indoor marijuana operations were found, I am aware that that marijuana grown indoors
18 requires special equipment to include halide lights which emit a bright white illumination,
19 considerably brighter than standard light bulbs.

20 8. After this observation, the CS began to watch the cars that came and went from
21 the house more closely, recorded the license plates of those vehicles, and provided me the
22 license plate numbers.

23 9. I used law enforcement data bases to research and identify the owners of the
24 vehicles that were observed by the CS at the residence, and obtained driver's license
25 photographs for the registered owners of the following three vehicles:

26 a. Washington State license BHY5941, a White Chevy Uplander
27 Washington Department of Licensing lists the vehicle registered at **11224 SE 284th St.**
28 **Auburn, Washington** to Guoyuan YU. The address on Guoyuan YU's driver's license is

1 listed as 17037 154th PL SE Renton, Washington, the site of a prior suspected indoor
2 marijuana growing operation as further discussed below.

3 b. Washington State license BGH5967, a White Toyota Sienna van
4 Washington Department of Licensing lists the vehicle registered at **3829 90th Ave East**
5 **Edgewood, Washington** to Jieming CHEN.

6 c. Washington State license AWJ8005, a Green Honda Odyssey van
7 Washington Department of Licensing lists the vehicle registered at **3835 S. 316th St.**
8 **Auburn, Washington** to Liang-Ming CHEN.

9 10. On January 9, 2019, at approximately 7:00 p.m., I drove to the neighborhood
10 where **3835 S. 316th St.** is located, and walked the public roadway near the house. Based on
11 my training and experience, and participation in more than one hundred search warrants
12 involving residences containing indoor marijuana growing operations, I am familiar with the
13 odor of green growing marijuana plants. As I walked down the street, I was able to identify
14 the odor of green growing marijuana emitting from the address at **3835 S. 316th St. Auburn,**
15 **Washington.**

16 11. Based on my training and experience, I am aware that residential properties
17 used as covert locations to grow marijuana use excessive amounts of power necessary to
18 support an indoor marijuana growing operation. Specifically, indoor marijuana cultivation
19 uses substantial energy to power special growing lights for approximately 16 hours per day,
20 or longer. These lights generate significant heat, requiring large fans that also need power to
21 move cool air and remove moisture. Because marijuana plants produce such a strong and
22 distinctive odor which can reveal the location of a hidden marijuana grow operation, large
23 charcoal filters and additional venting mechanisms are also used in an attempt to scrub the
24 exiting air before expelling it from the home. All of these components necessary to grow
25 marijuana indoors require large amounts of energy resulting in substantially higher power
26 costs.

27 12. Investigators subpoenaed Puget Sound Energy records for the residence
28 located at **3835 S. 316th St. Auburn, Washington.** As illustrated in the power usage report

depicted below, prior to the residence being purchased in April 2017, the PSE bill for the residence during ranged from \$61.45 to \$88.11 (October 2016 to February 2017). After the residence was purchased in April 2017, power usage increased to ranging from \$1,414.82 to \$1,625.30 (October 2017 to February 2018), or more than 20 times the power used by the prior owner. The increased use of power continued throughout the year and into the most recent billing cycle of February 11, 2019 reflecting power consumption of \$1,516.66.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Device Number	From Date	To Date	Billed Amount	BILL UOM	Billed Consum	No. of Days	Avg. Consum
X144471363	1/11/2019	2/11/2019	\$1,516.66	kWh	15383	32	481
X144471363	12/12/2018	1/10/2019	\$1,541.26	kWh	15662	30	522
X144471363	11/10/2018	12/11/2018	\$1,673.54	kWh	17030	32	532
X144471363	10/12/2018	11/9/2018	\$1,214.18	kWh	12328	29	425
X144471363	9/13/2018	10/11/2018	\$1,649.27	kWh	17123	29	590
X144471363	8/11/2018	9/12/2018	\$1,610.06	kWh	7118	33	216
A020987328	7/13/2018	8/10/2018	\$1,355.05	kWh	13008	29	449
A020987328	6/13/2018	7/12/2018	\$1,631.78	kWh	15657	30	522
A020987328	5/12/2018	6/12/2018	\$1,941.76	kWh	18624	32	582
A020987328	4/13/2018	5/11/2018	\$1,662.16	kWh	15204	29	524
A020987328	3/15/2018	4/12/2018	\$1,707.03	kWh	15181	29	523
A020987328	2/13/2018	3/14/2018	\$1,625.30	kWh	14456	30	482
A020987328	1/12/2018	2/12/2018	\$2,108.37	kWh	18741	32	586
A020987328	12/13/2017	1/11/2018	\$1,671.41	kWh	14912	30	497
A020987328	11/11/2017	12/12/2017	\$2,295.36	kWh	20624	32	645
A020987328	10/13/2017	11/10/2017	\$1,414.82	kWh	12724	29	439
O075251280	9/13/2017	10/12/2017	\$1,919.79	kWh	17200	30	573
O075251280	8/12/2017	9/12/2017	\$532.17	kWh	4780	32	149
O075251280	7/14/2017	8/11/2017	\$70.53	kWh	660	29	23
O075251280	6/19/2017	7/13/2017	\$26.52	kWh	200	25	8
O075251280	4/13/2017	4/30/2017	\$43.59	kWh	400	18	22
O075251280	3/15/2017	4/12/2017	\$62.55	kWh	610	29	21
O075251280	2/11/2017	3/14/2017	\$75.52	kWh	730	32	23
O075251280	1/12/2017	2/10/2017	\$80.93	kWh	780	30	26
O075251280	12/13/2016	1/11/2017	\$76.44	kWh	740	30	25
O075251280	11/11/2016	12/12/2016	\$88.11	kWh	840	32	26
O075251280	10/13/2016	11/10/2016	\$61.45	kWh	590	29	20
O075251280	9/14/2016	10/12/2016	\$58.73	kWh	560	29	19
O075251280	8/13/2016	9/13/2016	\$72.22	kWh	690	32	22
O075251280	7/14/2016	8/12/2016	\$64.57	kWh	620	30	21
O075251280	6/14/2016	7/13/2016	\$53.27	kWh	500	30	17
O075251280	5/13/2016	6/13/2016	\$68.96	kWh	660	32	21
O075251280	4/14/2016	5/12/2016	\$59.15	kWh	570	29	20
O075251280	3/15/2016	4/13/2016	\$66.88	kWh	650	30	22
O075251280	2/12/2016	3/14/2016	\$79.87	kWh	770	32	24
O075251280	1/13/2016	2/11/2016	\$74.45	kWh	720	30	24

Residence #2**11224 SE 284th St. Auburn Washington**

13. A check with Washington Department of Licensing revealed Guoyuan YU's white Chevy Uplander van is registered to **11224 SE 284th St. Auburn, Washington**. I then used the King County parcel viewer to learn that Guoyuan YU is listed as the owner of the residence located at **11224 SE 284th St. Auburn, Washington**, Parcel number 184160-0030. Records available on the website also revealed Guoyuan YU purchased the residence on or about October 31, 2017, and YU used the same agent from AgencyOne as he used to purchase the residence described above at **3835 S. 316th Auburn, Washington**.

14. A Washington Department of Licensing record check on March 12, 2019 revealed Guoyuan YU currently uses the address of 17037 154 Pl. SE. Renton, Washington on his Washington driver's license. I used a King County Parcel records search which revealed that 17037 154 Pl. SE. Renton, Washington was purchased by Guoyuan YU "an un married person" and Shuguang SU "an un married person" on or about February 17, 2017. Approximately one year later on March 16, 2018, the King County Sheriff's Office received a neighbor's complaint documented in incident report number C18012249 stating that the neighbor reported a suspected marijuana growing operation inside the residence.

15. Documentation contained in the King County Parcel Viewer noted that on November 1, 2018 (approximately eight months after the neighbor complaint, and approximately 22 months after Guoyuan YU and Shuguang SU purchased the property) Guoyuan YU's wife, Yuping CHEN, filed a Quit Claim Deed relinquishing her interest in the property to Guoyuan YU. The instructions for the Quit Claim Deed request that the documents be mailed to Guoyuan YU at the address **11224 SE 284th St. Auburn, Washington**.

16. On the same date that the property was Quit Claimed to Guoyuan YU (November 1, 2018), Guoyuan YU and the other listed owner Shuguang SU sold the property to Jaiqi YU. The sale amount listed is \$250,000.00 even though the value of the home is tax appraised at \$494,000, and listed as valued as \$535,000 through real estate web

sources. Based on my training and experience, individuals use the purchase and sale of real estate as a means to launder money. For example, by purportedly selling the property for \$250,000, substantially below market value, YU may give \$250,000 to a straw purchaser, commonly a family member, and then money YU receives from the sale appears to be derived from a real estate transaction instead of illegal activity. Even after the purported sale of the property, the tax payer records for the property continue to identify Shuguang SU, the prior owner, as the responsible party for the property taxes. This sales transaction was also conducted by AgencyOne using the same real estate agent that YU used to purchase **3835 S. 316th St. Auburn, Washington** (Residence #1).

17. On February 7, 2019, at approximately 10:30 a.m., I drove to **11224 SE 284th St. Auburn Washington** attempting to find Guoyuan YU's Chevy van, and identify his place of residence. Upon arriving, I saw YU's van parked in the driveway of the residence at **11224 SE 284th St. Auburn Washington** behind a closed gate. While at the residence, I was able to gain access to an empty lot next door where a home is the beginning phase of construction. The empty lot is just East and directly adjacent to the **11224 SE 284th St. Auburn Washington**. From this vantage point, I was able to observe and recognize the odor of fresh green growing marijuana, and determine its origin to be the residence **11224 SE 284th St. Auburn Washington**.

18. Investigators subpoenaed Puget Sound Energy records for the residence located at **11224 SE 284th St. Auburn Washington**. As illustrated in the power usage report depicted below, the PSE bill for the residence ranged from \$61.45 to \$88.11 (June 2017 to January 2018). During the same months the following year, after the residence was purchased by YU in October 2017, the power usage increased to \$1,325.37 to 1,847.24 (June 2018 to January 2019), more than twenty times greater than the power usage during the prior year.

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Device Number	From Date	To Date	Billed Amount	BILL UOM	Billed Consum	No of Days	Avg. Consum
U094642847	1/4/2019	2/1/2019	\$1,713.64	kWh	15355	29	529
U094642847	12/5/2018	1/3/2019	\$1,847.24	kWh	16616	30	554
U094642847	11/2/2018	12/4/2018	\$2,316.75	kWh	20839	33	631
U094642847	10/4/2018	11/1/2018	\$1,439.48	kWh	12962	29	447
U094642847	9/5/2018	10/3/2018	\$1,391.47	kWh	12526	29	432
U094642847	8/3/2018	9/4/2018	\$1,209.20	kWh	10890	33	330
U094642847	7/4/2018	8/2/2018	\$1,659.86	kWh	14935	30	498
U094642847	6/5/2018	7/3/2018	\$1,820.87	kWh	16380	29	565
U094642847	5/4/2018	6/4/2018	\$1,325.37	kWh	11933	32	373
U094642847	4/5/2018	5/3/2018	\$46.93	kWh	396	29	14
U094642847	3/7/2018	4/4/2018	\$271.36	kWh	2296	29	79
U094642847	2/3/2018	3/6/2018	\$505.31	kWh	4242	32	133
U094642847	1/5/2018	2/2/2018	\$46.34	kWh	387	29	13
U094642847	12/5/2017	1/4/2018	\$50.56	kWh	429	31	14
U094642847	11/8/2017	12/4/2017	\$69.58	kWh	616	27	23
U094642847	10/4/2017	10/27/2017	\$92.63	kWh	810	24	34
U094642847	9/2/2017	10/3/2017	\$99.29	kWh	862	32	27
U094642847	8/4/2017	9/1/2017	\$102.12	kWh	885	29	31
U094642847	7/6/2017	8/3/2017	\$110.96	kWh	959	29	33
U094642847	6/6/2017	7/5/2017	\$114.65	kWh	990	30	33
U094642847	5/4/2017	6/5/2017	\$106.40	kWh	921	33	28
U094642847	4/5/2017	5/3/2017	\$85.14	kWh	767	29	26
U094642847	3/7/2017	4/4/2017	\$120.45	kWh	1076	29	37
U094642847	2/3/2017	3/6/2017	\$154.83	kWh	1374	32	43
U094642847	1/5/2017	2/2/2017	\$142.92	kWh	1271	29	44
U094642847	12/4/2016	1/4/2017	\$150.93	kWh	1344	32	42
U094642847	11/3/2016	12/3/2016	\$139.83	kWh	1229	31	40
U094642847	10/5/2016	11/2/2016	\$141.48	kWh	1241	29	43
U094642847	9/3/2016	10/4/2016	\$150.70	kWh	1320	32	41
U094642847	8/4/2016	9/2/2016	\$154.80	kWh	1355	30	45
U094642847	7/6/2016	8/3/2016	\$138.09	kWh	1212	29	42
U094642847	6/4/2016	7/5/2016	\$143.12	kWh	1255	32	39
U094642847	5/5/2016	6/3/2016	\$119.02	kWh	1049	30	35
U094642847	4/6/2016	5/4/2016	\$109.17	kWh	976	29	34
U094642847	3/5/2016	4/5/2016	\$132.12	kWh	1177	32	37

Sheet1

Sheet2

Sheet3

Residence #3**382990th Ave East Edgewood, Washington**

19. On January 14, 2019, footage from a surveillance camera at **3835 S 316th St., Auburn, Washington** (Residence #1), revealed the green Honda Odyssey bearing license plate AWWJ8005 registered to Liang-Ming CHEN at this residence was parked in the

1 driveway. Footage further revealed the white Sienna van bearing license plate BGH5967
 2 arrived and parked in the driveway. The Sienna van is registered Jieming CHEN at **3829**
 3 **90th Ave East Edgewood, Washington** (Residence #3). At approximately 12:01 p.m., the
 4 white Chevy Uplander van bearing Washington BHY5941 arrived. The Uplander van is
 5 registered to Guoyuan YU at **11224 SE 284th St. Auburn, Washington** (Residence #2). A
 6 male appearing to be Guoyuan YU based on a comparison to his Department of Licensing
 7 photograph exited the vehicle, and entered the residence. Surveillance footage revealed that
 8 at approximately 9:59 p.m. that same day, a male loaded two large plastic bags into the
 9 Sienna van before driving away.

10 20. On January 31, 2019 at approximately 1:54 p.m., while conducting
 11 surveillance at **3835 S 316th St., Auburn, Washington** (Residence #1), I observed the white
 12 Sienna van registered to Jieming CHEN arrive and park in the left side of the driveway. A
 13 male appearing to be Jieming CHEN based on a comparison to his Department of Licensing
 14 photograph exited the vehicle, and entered the residence. CHEN remained inside for
 15 approximately three hours until he left at approximately 5:10 p.m. and drove directly to **3829**
 16 **90th Ave East Edgewood, Washington**, which is the address listed on his Washington
 17 driver's license.

18 21. Access to **3829 90th Ave East Edgewood, Washington** is extremely limited as
 19 the residence can be reached only by driving down a single lane road through a large open
 20 field, and this road services only two houses on the side of a mountain. From a covert
 21 position approximately one half mile away, using binoculars, I was able to observe Jieming
 22 CHAN's white Sienna van pull into the mountain top driveway for the residence located at
 23 **3829 90th Ave East Edgewood, Washington**. Because of the isolated location of the
 24 residence, law enforcement is not able to surreptitiously gain close enough access to
 25 determine whether an odor of marijuana is present at the location, without revealing the
 26 presence of law enforcement in the area.

27 22. I used Pierce County Assessor-Treasure electronic property information
 28 profile, along with other online open resource real estate web sites, and learned that **3829**

1 **90th Ave E. Edgewood, Washington**, is owned by Guangxiong WU and Shazhn (LNU) who
 2 purchased the property on or about December 6, 2016. The mailing address for the tax payer
 3 is 2121 14th Ave S. #C, Seattle, Washington, suggesting the property owners are not
 4 occupying the residence, but live at another location in Seattle. The site further states the
 5 property is in foreclosure status.

6 23. The Pierce County Assessor-Treasure property records reveal the property
 7 located at **3829 90th Ave East Edgewood, Washington** contains two structures: a 1,656
 8 square foot, single-family dwelling, and a 1981 Olympian Mobile/Manufactured home.
 9 Investigators used a helicopter to fly over the property located at **3829 90th Ave East**
 10 **Edgewood, Washington**, and were able to observe and photograph the two structures
 11 described in the property records, and also observed a third structure described as shed or
 12 outbuilding located on the property. An aerial surveillance photograph of **3829 90th Ave**
 13 **East Edgewood, Washington** displays these three structures on the property, and the
 14 photograph is included in Attachment A to this affidavit.



24. Investigators subpoenaed Puget Sound Energy (PSE) records for **3829 90th Ave E. Edgewood, Washington** and learned that the property maintains one power meter for the main residence, and one power meter for the mobile home.

25. As revealed in the power records for the main residence and depicted below, the power bills during the 12 months prior the sale in December 2016 ranged from \$22.24 to \$167.27 (January 2016 to December 2016). Over the next twelve months, the power usage increased, and during the last 12 months (February 2018 to February 2019) the power usage ranged from \$1,220.27 to \$2,056.27, or more than 10 times the power used by the prior owner.

Device Number	From Date	To Date	Billed Amount	BILL UOM	Billed Consum	No of Days	Avg. Consum
A019535273	12/20/2016	1/19/2017	\$40.08	kWh	361	31	12
A019535273	12/6/2016	12/19/2016	\$29.05	kWh	238	14	17
A019535273	11/18/2016	12/5/2016	\$45.08	kWh	398	18	22
U092060773	10/20/2016	11/17/2016	\$34.39	kWh	292	29	10
U092060773	9/21/2016	10/19/2016	\$30.40	kWh	248	29	9
U092060773	8/20/2016	9/20/2016	\$28.12	kWh	223	32	7
U092060773	7/21/2016	8/19/2016	\$33.31	kWh	280	30	9
U092060773	7/1/2016	7/20/2016	\$36.63	kWh	317	20	16
U092060773	6/21/2016	6/30/2016	\$22.24	kWh	158	10	16
U092060773	5/20/2016	6/20/2016	\$133.75	kWh	1251	32	39
U092060773	4/21/2016	5/19/2016	\$121.64	kWh	1146	29	40
U092060773	3/23/2016	4/20/2016	\$138.16	kWh	1309	29	45
U092060773	2/20/2016	3/22/2016	\$161.31	kWh	1523	32	48
U092060773	1/21/2016	2/19/2016	\$162.27	kWh	1532	30	51

Device Number	From Date	To Date	Billed Amount	BILL UOM	Billed Consum	No of Days	Avg. Consum
A019535273	1/18/2019	2/19/2019	\$2,056.27	kWh	19701	33	597
A019535273	12/19/2018	1/17/2019	\$1,962.00	kWh	18815	30	627
A019535273	11/17/2018	12/18/2018	\$1,875.16	kWh	18005	32	563
A019535273	10/19/2018	11/16/2018	\$1,533.28	kWh	14704	29	507
A019535273	9/20/2018	10/18/2018	\$1,511.02	kWh	14668	29	506
A019535273	8/21/2018	9/19/2018	\$1,968.83	kWh	17814	30	594
A019535273	7/20/2018	8/20/2018	\$1,658.04	kWh	15008	32	469
A019535273	6/20/2018	7/19/2018	\$1,636.43	kWh	14813	30	494
A019535273	5/19/2018	6/19/2018	\$1,849.98	kWh	17135	32	535
A019535273	4/20/2018	5/18/2018	\$1,609.99	kWh	15000	29	517
A019535273	3/22/2018	4/19/2018	\$1,356.42	kWh	12071	29	416
A019535273	2/21/2018	3/21/2018	\$1,570.40	kWh	13969	29	482

26. As revealed in the power records for the mobile home depicted below, the power bills during the 12 months prior the sale in December 2016 ranged from \$16.32 to \$173.41 (January 2016 to December 2016). Over the next twelve months, the power usage increased, and during the last 12 months (February 2018 to February 2019) the power usage ranged from \$1,282.70 to \$1,913.06, more than 10 times the power used by the prior owner.

Device Number	From Date	To Date	Billed Amount	BILL UOM	Billed Consum	No of Days	Avg. Consum
U092060368	12/20/2016	1/19/2017	\$138.19	kWh	1311	31	42
U092060368	11/18/2016	12/19/2016	\$173.41	kWh	1629	32	51
U092060368	10/20/2016	11/17/2016	\$44.19	kWh	400	29	14
U092060368	9/21/2016	10/19/2016	\$37.21	kWh	323	29	11
U092060368	8/20/2016	9/20/2016	\$18.77	kWh	120	32	4
U092060368	7/21/2016	8/19/2016	\$16.32	kWh	93	30	3
U092060368	6/21/2016	7/20/2016	\$27.30	kWh	214	30	7
U092060368	5/20/2016	6/20/2016	\$60.18	kWh	576	32	18
U092060368	4/21/2016	5/19/2016	\$55.93	kWh	532	29	18
U092060368	3/23/2016	4/20/2016	\$84.72	kWh	815	29	28
U092060368	2/20/2016	3/22/2016	\$130.48	kWh	1238	32	39
U092060368	1/21/2016	2/19/2016	\$109.49	kWh	1044	30	35

Device Number	From Date	To Date	Billed Amount	BILL UOM	Billed Consum	No of Days	Avg. Consum
U092060368	1/18/2019	2/19/2019	\$1,913.06	kWh	18322	33	555
U092060368	12/19/2018	1/17/2019	\$1,644.70	kWh	15756	30	525
U092060368	11/17/2018	12/18/2018	\$1,954.80	kWh	18774	32	587
U092060368	10/19/2018	11/16/2018	\$1,619.44	kWh	15536	29	536
U092060368	9/20/2018	10/18/2018	\$1,321.87	kWh	12819	29	442
U092060368	8/21/2018	9/19/2018	\$1,293.00	kWh	11712	30	390
U092060368	7/20/2018	8/20/2018	\$1,231.64	kWh	11158	32	349
U092060368	6/20/2018	7/19/2018	\$1,340.41	kWh	12140	30	405
U092060368	5/19/2018	6/19/2018	\$1,654.24	kWh	15326	32	479
U092060368	4/20/2018	5/18/2018	\$1,671.11	kWh	15568	29	537
U092060368	3/22/2018	4/19/2018	\$1,788.65	kWh	15905	29	548
U092060368	2/21/2018	3/21/2018	\$1,282.70	kWh	11417	29	394

27. Based on my training and experience, the large amount of energy being used at each of the three locations requested to be searched is consistent with operating an around the clock marijuana cultivation site.

CONCLUSION

28. Based on the foregoing, I submit there is probable cause to conclude that within the three residences further identified in Attachment A there exists evidence, fruits and instrumentalities, as further described in Attachment B, of marijuana manufacturing and distribution, and money laundering crimes by Guoyuan YU and others, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1), 843(b) and 846; and Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1956 and 1957.



Sean Gotcher, Affiant
Task Force Officer
Drug Enforcement Administration

The above-named agent provided a sworn statement attesting to the truth of the contents of the foregoing affidavit on the 14 day of March, 2019.



MARY ALICE THEILER
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Attachment A
Locations to be Searched

1. The residence located at **3835 316th S. Auburn, Washington** is further described as a tan brick, multi-story single family residence listing 2490 square feet on the first floor with 2100 square foot finished basement. King County Parcel Viewer list the parcel number as 57086000090. The address numbers for the home are posted on the wall to the right of the garage door.
2. The residence located at **11224 SE 284th St. Auburn, Washington** is further described as a single family, multi-story home with 2020 square feet upstairs and 2020 square feet of finished basement space, tan/beige in color, with the numbers 11224 posted on the wall above the double car garage on the front of the home.
3. The residence located at **3829 90th Ave E Edgewood, Washington** is further described as a property containing a single family residence, a mobile home, and an outbuilding or shed as depicted in the photograph below. Investigators involved in the surveillance of this location will be present to assist in the search.



For the listed residences, authority to search extends to all parts of the property, including main structure, inside the walls of the structures, inside water heaters, containers, compartments, or safes located on the property, whether locked or not where the items described in Attachment B (list of items to be seized) could be found, and all vehicles, containers, compartments, or safes located on the property, whether locked or not, where the items described in Attachments B (list of items to be seized) could be found.

Attachment B
Items to be Seized

Evidence, fruits and instrumentalities, as further described in Attachment B, of the crimes of distribution of, and possession with intent to distribute, controlled substances, money laundering, and conspiracy to commit these offenses by Nicholas Dwight STARTZMAN and others in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), 846; 18 U.S.C. §§ 1956 and 1957, including the following:

1. Cash: United States Currency or other currency;
2. Controlled Substances: Including but not limited to oxycodone, fentanyl, marijuana, cocaine, heroin and methamphetamine.
3. Drug Paraphernalia: Items used, or to be used, to store, manufacture, process, package, use, and/or distribute controlled substances, including oxycodone pills, such as plastic bags, cutting agents, pill presses, scales, measuring equipment, tape, chemicals or items used to test the purity and/or quality of controlled substances, and similar items.
4. Drug Transaction Records: Documents such as ledgers, receipts, notes, and similar items relating to the acquisition, transportation, and distribution of controlled substances.
5. Customer and Supplier Information: Items identifying drug customers and drug suppliers, such as telephone records, personal address books, correspondence, diaries, calendars, notes with phone numbers and names, "pay/owe sheets" with drug amounts and prices, maps or directions, and similar items.
6. Financial records, including bank records, safe deposit box records and keys, credit card records, bills, receipts, tax returns, vehicle documents, and similar items; and other records that show income and expenditures, net worth, money transfers, wire transmittals, negotiable instruments, bank drafts, cashiers checks, and similar items, and money counters.
7. Photographs/Surveillance: Photographs, video tapes, digital cameras, surveillance cameras and associated hardware/storage devices, and similar items, depicting property occupants, friends and relatives of the property occupants, or suspected buyers or sellers of controlled substances, controlled substances or other contraband, weapons, and assets derived from the distribution of controlled substances.
8. Weapons: Including but not limited to firearms, magazines, ammunition, and body armor.

9. Codes: Evidence of codes used in the distribution of controlled substances, including but not limited to passwords, code books, cypher or decryption keys, and similar information.

10. Property Records: Deeds, contracts, escrow documents, mortgage documents, rental documents, and other evidence relating to the purchase, ownership, rental, income, expenses, or control of the premises, and similar records of other property owned or rented.

11. Indicia of occupancy, residency, and/or ownership of assets including, but not limited to, bills (credit card, utility, rent, etc.), canceled envelopes, rental records or payment receipts, leases, mortgage statements, personal mail, identification (driver's license, membership cards, etc.).

12. Evidence of Storage Unit Rental or Access: rental and payment records, keys and codes, pamphlets, contracts, contact information, directions, passwords or other documents relating to storage units.

13. Evidence of Personal Property Ownership: Registration information, ownership documents, or other evidence of ownership of property including, but not limited to vehicles, vessels, boats, airplanes, jet skis, all terrain vehicles, RVs, and personal property; evidence of international or domestic travel, hotel/motel stays, and any other evidence of unexplained wealth,

14. All bearer bonds, letters of credit, money drafts, money orders, cashier's checks, travelers checks, Treasury checks, bank checks, passbooks, bank drafts, money wrappers, stored value cards, and other forms of financial remuneration evidencing the obtaining, secreting, transfer, and/or concealment of assets and/or expenditures of money.

15. All Western Union and/or Money Gram documents and other documents evidencing domestic or international wire transfers, money orders, official checks, cashier's checks, or other negotiable interests that can be purchased with cash. These documents are to include applications, payment records, money orders, frequent customer cards, etc.

16. Negotiable instruments, jewelry, precious metals, financial instruments, and other negotiable instruments.

17. Documents reflecting the source, receipt, transfer, control, ownership, and disposition of United States and/or foreign currency.

18. Correspondence, papers, records, and any other items showing employment or lack of employment.

19. Telephone books, and/or address books, facsimile machines to include the carbon roll and/or other memory system, any papers reflecting names, addresses, telephone numbers, pager numbers, cellular telephone numbers, facsimile, and/or telex numbers, telephone records and bills relating to co-conspirators, sources of supply, customers, financial institutions, and other individuals or businesses with whom a financial relationship exists. Also, telephone answering devices that record telephone conversations and the tapes therein for messages left for or by co-conspirators for the delivery or purchase of controlled substances or laundering of drug proceeds.

20. Safes and locked storage containers, and the contents thereof which are otherwise described in this document.

21. Tools that may be used to open hidden compartments in vehicles, paint, bonding agents, magnets, or other items that may be used to open/close said compartments.

22. Cell Phones: Cellular telephones and other communications devices including Blackberries may be seized, and searched for the following items:

- a. Assigned number and identifying telephone serial number (ESN, MIN, IMSI, or IMEI);
- b. Stored list of recent received, sent, and missed calls;
- c. Stored contact information;
- d. Stored photographs of narcotics, currency, firearms or other weapons, evidence of suspected criminal activity, and/or the user of the phone or suspected co-conspirators, including any embedded GPS data associated with those photographs;
- e. Stored text messages.